

South Lake Union Streetcar Project

Preliminary Engineering Capital Cost Report

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1. Purpose

The preliminary engineering capital cost estimate for the South Lake Union Streetcar Project provides an estimated project level cost based on the preliminary engineering and environmental documentation performed between September 2004 and March 2005. The total estimated project cost includes:

- Total Anticipated Construction Cost
- Streetcar Vehicles
- Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation
- Final Design and Construction Engineering/Administration
- Inflation to early 2006

The Total Estimated Project Cost is included in Table 9-1 of this report. Details supporting the estimate are included in Appendix A of this report.

2. Project Description

The City of Seattle, in cooperation with the U.S Department of Transportation Federal Transit Administration (FTA), proposes to construct a new streetcar line to serve the downtown, Denny Triangle and South Lake Union areas of Seattle. This line would provide local transit service, connect to the regional transit system, accommodate economic development, and contribute to neighborhood vitality. The project elements and construction are discussed in detail in the *South Lake Union Streetcar Project Description Memo* (Parsons Brinckerhoff, March 2005).

The proposed South Lake Union Streetcar would begin in the vicinity of the intersection of Westlake Avenue and Olive Way/5th Avenue in downtown Seattle (see Figure 2-1). It would extend north through the Denny Triangle and South Lake Union neighborhoods and terminate in the vicinity of Fairview Avenue N. and Ward Street near the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. The line would connect these neighborhoods and destinations with the regional transit hub at Westlake Center, which will be a major connection point for light rail, buses and monorail. The length of the proposed streetcar line is approximately 1.3 miles in each direction (2.6 track miles total) and the tracks and stops would be constructed entirely within existing right-of-way. The streetcar would share the street with automobile traffic.

As shown in Figure 2-1, streetcar stops would typically be side-platform corner-curb bulbs located within the parking lane at the far side of an intersection. Two stops would be center platform configurations: one within Fairview Avenue N. at the Fred Hutchinson campus and one in the railbank north of Valley Street adjacent to South Lake Union Park.

Bi-directional, low-floor, single-car, articulated streetcars are proposed. They are typically 66 feet long, 11.5 feet high, and 8 feet wide and run on standard gauge tracks. The streetcar would be powered by an overhead electrical system similar to those used by streetcars in cities such as Tacoma, Washington and Portland, Oregon.

A maintenance facility at the southwest corner of Fairview Avenue N. and Valley Street is also planned as part of this project. The maintenance facility building would be approximately 100 x 70 feet. Yard storage tracks would also be provided. Daily vehicle maintenance and inspections and minor repairs would be completed at the facility.

In the typical construction method for the streetcar track system, the top 12 to 18 inches of pavement would be removed and replaced with rail-embedded reinforced concrete slabs within a trench approximately eight feet wide. This project would also involve upgrading the stormwater detention system, relocation of utilities, and installation of traction power substations.

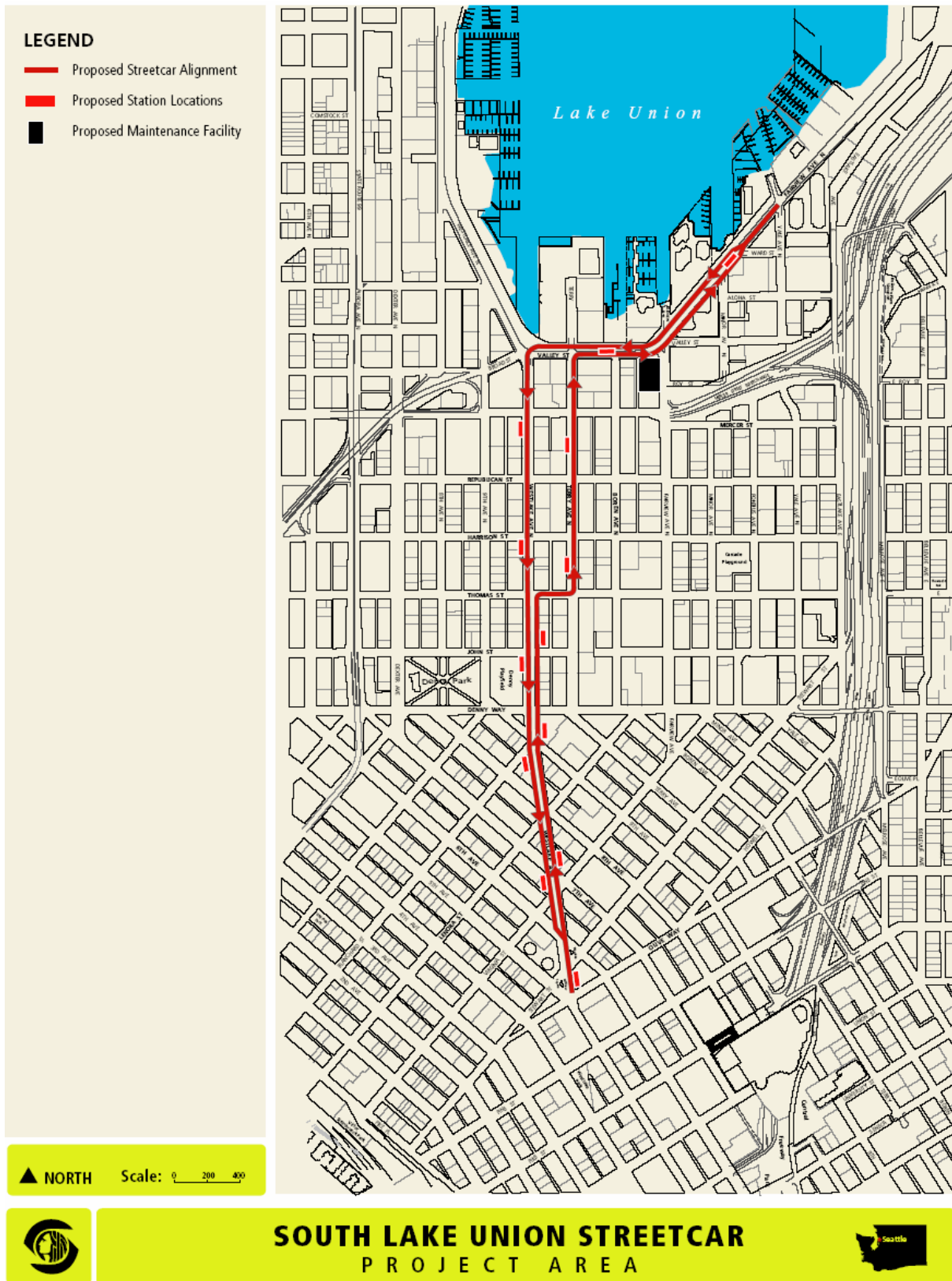


Figure 2-1: Project Area

3. Assumptions

Preliminary engineering estimates reflect the following general assumptions:

- A General Contractor/Construction Manager (GCCM) method of delivery is used in accordance with Chapter 39.10 of the Revised Code of Washington
- An adequate experienced labor pool is available at the time of construction
- Strikes that would impact labor or material delivery are not anticipated
- Normal Seattle area weather conditions will prevail during construction
- Agency reviews and permits are issued in a timely fashion
- Construction progress rates are consistent with those historically experienced on similar streetcar projects
- Traffic control will be similar to that required on similar projects in the downtown and South Lake Union area

4. Total Anticipated Construction Costs

The total anticipated construction cost is estimated in accordance with the scope defined in the Preliminary Engineering drawings dated March 28, 2005. Costs are based on quantity estimates and unit prices for each item identified in Appendix A. The major items included in the total anticipated construction cost are:

- Track construction
- Platforms and urban design
- Maintenance facility
- Seattle Public Utility facilities (water and sewer) impacted by the project
- Seattle City Light facilities (ductbanks and vaults) impacted by the project
- Stormwater detention and treatment facilities
- Roadway restorations and modifications
- Traffic signals, signs and striping
- Traction power substations
- Overhead Catenary system (streetcar vehicle power supply)
- Construction “soft costs” (mobilization, construction surveying, testing, QA/QC, fees, etc)
- Washington State Sales Tax

Unit prices used to develop the estimated construction costs include the following elements:

- Materials, labor, equipment (owned and rented), consumable supplies and subcontracts. Labor rates include all applicable burdens, such as Social Security and Medicare taxes (FICA), federal and state unemployment insurance (FUI/SUI), builders risk, builders liability, worker's compensation and union benefits.
- General conditions, administration (e.g., home and field overhead, mobilization, temporary facilities and controls, administration, subcontractor mark-up, etc.), and margin.
- Washington State and local sales tax for materials and supplies. No sales tax shall be included for labor and services, since it is assumed that the "Rule 171" tax exemption for infrastructure construction applies.

Since the design is at the preliminary engineering level of development (approximately 30% of completed design), contingencies are applied to the above elements. These contingencies account for the lack of complete design, uncertainties associated with the evolution of the design and potential changes in the construction market between the time of this estimate and the contract award date. As the design progresses, these contingencies will reduce as additional detail is included in the estimate. The individual contingencies vary due to the varying level of design detail associated with each element and are included in Appendix A.

5. Streetcar Vehicles

Streetcar vehicles are assumed to be procured from options included in the City of Portland's current agreement with the Inekon Group to provide streetcar vehicles to the City of Portland. The costs for the vehicles includes training, spare parts and Washington State Sales Tax.

6. Preliminary Engineering and Environmental Documentation

Preliminary engineering and environmental documentation costs incurred to date are included.

7. Final Design and Construction Engineering/Administration

Final design and construction engineering/administration are included as the city of Seattle's costs required complete design and administer construction. This is included as 17.5% of the total anticipated construction cost.

8. Inflation

All costs described above are in first quarter 2005 dollars. The total estimated project cost is stated in early 2006 dollars. An average inflation rate of 4% is used to adjust current costs to start of construction costs.

9. Total Estimated Project Cost

Table 9-1 summarizes the Total Estimated Project Cost. Estimate details for each item are included are included in Appendix A.

TABLE 9-1
SOUTH LAKE UNION STREETCAR
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATE
SUMMARY SHEET

ITEM	ESTIMATED BASE COST	CONTINGENCY		ESTIMATED COST
		%	AMOUNT	
Construction Soft Costs*	\$3,830,000	0%	\$0	\$3,830,000
Track Construction	\$5,719,000	15%	\$858,000	\$6,577,000
Platforms & Urban Design	\$651,000	25%	\$163,000	\$814,000
Maintenance Facility	\$2,875,000	25%	\$719,000	\$3,594,000
Seattle Public Utilities: Water & Sewer	\$1,955,000	25%	\$489,000	\$2,444,000
Seattle City Light: Ducts, Manholes, etc.	\$2,104,000	15%	\$316,000	\$2,420,000
Stormwater Detention/Treatment	\$565,000	30%	\$170,000	\$735,000
Roadway Restoration/Improvements	\$1,581,000	30%	\$474,000	\$2,055,000
Traffic Signals and Striping	\$1,440,000	25%	\$360,000	\$1,800,000
Traction Power Substations	\$1,639,000	20%	\$328,000	\$1,967,000
Overhead Catenary System	\$2,717,000	15%	\$408,000	\$3,125,000
Sub-Total Construction Costs	\$25,076,000		\$4,285,000	\$29,361,000
WA State Sales Tax				\$899,000
Total Anticipated Construction Cost				\$30,260,000
Streetcar Vehicles (3 vehicles incl WSST)				\$9,180,000
Preliminary Engineering & Environ. Documentation				\$1,554,000
Final Design, Construction & Engineering Administration				\$5,296,000
ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	1st Quarter 2005 Dollars			\$46,290,000
Inflation to early 2006 (start of construction)	4%	per year	x 1	\$1,210,000
TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	Early 2006 Dollars			\$47,500,000

* Construction Soft Costs are estimated to be 15% of construction costs (total anticipated construction cost minus sales tax). The 15% is composed of:

- 8% mobilization
- 3.5% Construction Surveying, Health & Safety Plans and QA/QC
- 3.5% General Contractor/Construction Manager Fee

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TRACK CONSTRUCTION COSTS				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Cost
Remove Pavement	SY	13000	\$20	\$260,000
Saw Asphalt Concrete, Full Depth	LF	5000	\$3	\$15,000
Saw Cement Concrete, Full Depth	LF	18000	\$8	\$144,000
Common Excavation	CY	3500	\$30	\$105,000
Unsuitable Foundation Excavation	CY	400	\$30	\$12,000
Construction Geotextile for Soil Stabilization	SY	1200	\$5	\$6,000
Mineral Aggregate, Type 2	CY	2040	\$50	\$102,000
Purchase R152 Girder Rail	Mg	460	\$1,850	\$851,000
Purchase 25m Turnout	EA	3	\$60,000	\$180,000
Purchase #5 Turnout	EA	3	\$30,000	\$90,000
Install Paved Track	TF	10730	\$250	\$2,682,500
Install Paved Track in Curves < 400' Radius	TF	1900	\$350	\$665,000
Track Drain	EA	3	\$10,000	\$30,000
Install Ballasted Track	TF	1050	\$220	\$231,000
Install #5 Turnout (Ballasted)	EA	3	\$50,000	\$150,000
Install 25m Turnout	EA	3	\$65,000	\$195,000
Sub-Total				\$5,718,500

SOUTH LAKE UNION STREETCAR				
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATE				
PLATFORMS & URBAN DESIGN COSTS				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Cost
New Scored Reinforced Concrete Platform	SF	28080	\$5.00	\$140,400
Landscaping	LS	13	\$3,625.00	\$47,125
S.S. leaning Rail	LF	200	\$50.00	\$10,000
Tactile Warning Strip (2'x42')	SF	1260	\$25.00	\$31,500
Trash Receptacle	EA	13	\$500.00	\$6,500
Structural Glass Rider Information panel	EA	13	\$10,000.00	\$130,000
LED "next streetcar arrives" display	EA	15	\$4,000.00	\$60,000
Canopies	LS			\$225,000
Sub-Total				\$650,525
Total Platforms & Urban Design				\$651,000

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PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATE				
MAINTENANCE FACILITY COSTS				
Item Description	Unit	Unit Price	Qty	Cost
Site Clearing/ Remove Exist. Pavement/ Slab on Grade & Disposal of Debris	SY	\$12	3,733	\$44,800
Demolition of existing buildings	SF	\$4	30,000	\$120,000
Grading Site - Cut & Fill 1' Average	CY	\$10	1,200	\$12,000
Silt Fence	LF	\$3	760	\$2,280
Asphalt Base Course 6" Thick	CY	\$40	493	\$19,704
Asphalt Pavement 4" Thick	SF	\$1.60	26,600	\$42,560
Signs	EA	\$200	20	\$4,000
Fence around Site	LF	\$35	760	\$26,600
Retaining Wall Along Fairview	SF	\$15	480	\$7,200
Site Utilities	LS	\$200,000	1	\$200,000
Site Lighting	EA	\$5,000	10	\$50,000
Embedded Track- Yard & Lead	TF	\$260	900	\$234,000
No.4 Turnouts in Existing Track	EA	\$130,000	0	\$0
No. 4 Turnouts	EA	\$120,000	4	\$480,000
No. 4 Equilateral	EA	\$150,000	1	\$150,000
Bumping Post	EA	\$7,000	3	\$21,000
Inspection PIT	LF	\$1,500	65	\$97,500
Interior Embedded Shop Track	TF	\$300	200	\$60,000
Inspection Platforms: 2 ea.- 10' Wide <i>(See Below)</i>				
<i>Str. Steel Support - 15#/SF</i>	Ton	\$3,200.00	10	\$31,200
<i>Steel Grating & Framing</i>	SF	\$35.00	1,170	\$40,950
<i>Cast Iron `Tread` 3' -6" wide and Pipe Rail for Platform</i>	RISER	\$250.00	40	\$10,000
<i>Platform Removable Guard Rail- Galvanized Steel</i>	LF	\$120.00	130	\$15,600
Portable Car Hoist System	EA	\$180,000	1	\$180,000
Overhead Contact System	LF	\$160	1100	\$176,000
Pre-engineered Building	SF	\$90	7,000	\$630,000
Bridge Crane 10 Ton	EA	\$110,000	1	\$110,000
Bridge Crane 15 Ton	EA	\$130,000		\$0
Misc. Shop Equipment & Tools	LS	\$100,000	1	\$100,000
Furniture	LS	\$10,000	1	\$10,000
Sub-Total				\$2,875,394
Exclusions:				
Real Estate				
Central Operating Control System				
Train Control System				
Traction Power Substation				

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PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATE
SEATTLE PUBLIC UTILITIES & SEATTLE CITY LIGHT COSTS

Seattle Public Utilities Item Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
12" Waterline Minor	LF	\$250	395	\$98,750
8" Waterline Minor	LF	\$250	1012	\$253,000
Anode Test Stations - say \$1000 each	EA	\$1,000	33	\$33,000
42" Sewer Moderate	LF	\$450	200	\$90,000
18" to 21" Sewer Minor	LF	\$250	102	\$25,500
Galer St Waterline Replacement	LS			\$110,000
Cased Mains & Services	LS			\$1,345,000
Seattle Public Utilities Total				\$1,955,250

Seattle City Light Item Description	Unit	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
Ductbank replacement, vault mods, etc.	LS			\$2,104,000
Seattle City Light Total				\$2,104,000

Notes:

1. No costs are included for private utility relocations per franchise agreements
2. Costs stated are only for public utilities: SCL, SPU water, storm, sewer.
3. No costs are included or anticipated for King County Metro CSO facilities. Stormwater costs are included in "Stormwater Detention/Treatment" detailed cost sheet.
4. No costs are included in this estimate for relocating Metro overhead trolley bus facilities. Overhead contact system costs "Traction Power Substations and OCS" detailed cost sheet
5. SCL costs attributable to this project are assumed be incurred by SCL crews.
6. No costs are included for incidental traffic signal interconnect or street light conduits. Traffic signal modification costs are included in "Traffic Signals and Striping" detailed cost sheets
7. Costs reflect pavement replacement to limits of sawcut required only for trenching, to match existing.
8. No costs are included for pavement replacement to meet existing concrete pavement panel joints.

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PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATE				
STORMWATER DETENTION/TREATMENT COSTS				
STORMWATER WORK WITHIN RIGHT-OF WAY				
Item Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Cost
MAINTENANCE AND PROTECTION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL	1	LS	80,000.00	\$80,000
TRAFFIC CONTROL LABOR	1500	HR	38.00	\$57,000
TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL	1	LS	25,000.00	\$25,000
MOBILIZATION	1	LS	0.00	\$0
REMOVE PAVEMENT	667	SY	15.00	\$10,005
SAW CEMENT CONCRETE, FULL DEPTH	2234	LF	8.00	\$17,872
COMMON EXCAVATION	2183	CY	20.00	\$43,660
MINERAL AGGREGATE, TYPE 17	2822	TN	18.00	\$50,796
PAVEMENT, ASPHALT CLASS A	75	TN	125.00	\$9,375
PAVEMENT BASE CONC CL 6.5 (1-1/2), 9 IN	667	SY	52.00	\$34,684
MANHOLE, TYPE 200A	4	EA	2,800.00	\$11,200
MANHOLE, TYPE 202A	4	EA	6,000.00	\$24,000
MANHOLE, TYPE 204A	1	EA	12,000.00	\$12,000
EXTRA DEPTH, TYPE 200A MANHOLE	14	VF	200.00	\$2,800
EXTRA DEPTH, TYPE 202A MANHOLE	20	VF	250.00	\$5,000
EXTRA DEPTH, TYPE 204A MANHOLE	3	VF	500.00	\$1,500
CATCH BASIN, TYPE 242B	1	EA	1,600.00	\$1,600
PIPE, CB CONN, CONC C14, CL 3, 8 IN	340	LF	40.00	\$13,600
FLOW CONTROL STRUCTURE, 72 IN	4	EA	8,000.00	\$32,000
FLOW CONTROL STRUCTURE, 96 IN	1	EA	24,000.00	\$24,000
PIPE, DETENTION, CONC REINF C76 CL III, 36 IN	132	LF	200.00	\$26,400
PIPE, DETENTION, CONC REINF C76 CL III, 48 IN	284	LF	300.00	\$85,200
PIPE, DETENTION, CONC REINF C76 CL III, 60 IN	158	LF	550.00	\$86,900
BEDDING, CL B, 8 IN PIPE	340	LF	8.00	\$2,720
BEDDING, CL B, 12 IN PIPE	265	LF	10.00	\$2,650
BEDDING, CL B, 36 IN PIPE	132	LF	20.00	\$2,640
BEDDING, CL B, 48 IN PIPE	284	LF	26.00	\$7,384
BEDDING, CL B, 60 IN PIPE	158	LF	30.00	\$4,740
PIPE, PSD, CONC REINF C76 CL V, 12 IN	265	LF	50.00	\$13,250
TEE, 12 IN CUT-IN EXISTING CONCRETE PIPE	5	EA	850.00	\$4,250
SAFETY SYST. FOR TRENCH EXCAVATION, MIN BID-\$.40 PER SF	2260	SF	1.50	\$3,390
PIPE, SS OR SSS, PVC D3034 SDR 35, 6 IN	155	LF	45.00	\$6,975
Sub-Total				\$ 702,591
MAINTENANCE FACILITY				
Item Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Cost
COMMON EXCAVATION	222	CY	20.00	\$ 4,440
MINERAL AGGREGATE, TYPE 17	259	TN	18.00	\$ 4,662
FLOW CONTROL STRUCTURE, 54 IN	1	EA	6,000.00	\$ 6,000
DETENTION VAULT 40' X10' X5'	1	2	45,000.00	\$ 45,000
PIPE, CB CONN, CONC C14, CL 3, 8 IN	50	LF	40.00	\$ 2,000
Sub-Total				\$ 62,102
Deduct PSD 2 Detention Pipe and Appurtenances				\$200,000
Total Estimated Base Cost				\$565,000

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ROADWAY RESTORATION/ IMPROVEMENTS COSTS				
Item Description	Qty	Unit	Unit Price	Cost
Temporary Traffic Control	1	LS	\$950,000	\$950,000
Erosion Control	1	LS	\$40,000	\$40,000
Remove, Abandon, or Relocate Structures and Obstructions	1	LS	\$74,760	\$74,760
Concrete Inlet, Type 250 or 252	9	EA	\$900	\$8,100
Abandon Inlet	9	EA	\$150	\$1,350
Pipe, CB Connection, D.I., CL 50, 8-inch	90	LF	\$45	\$4,050
Surface Prep, Plane Bituminous Pavement	20,056	SY	\$10	\$200,560
Pavement, Asphalt Concrete, Cl. A (Qty. >=1000)	2,044	TN	\$80	\$163,520
Mineral Aggregate, Type 2 (6-inches)	23	CY	\$42	\$966
Cement Concrete Curbs and Gutter	3,062	LF	\$16	\$48,992
Cement Concrete Sidewalks (3.5-Inches)	1,448	SY	\$36	\$52,128
Driveway, Cement Concrete, HES, 8-inch	178	SY	\$55	\$9,790
Cement Concrete Curb Ramp 422a, Type 1	45	EA	\$350	\$15,750
Seeded Lawn Installation (Qty. >= 10,000)	26,315	SF	\$0.15	\$3,947
Extra Depth, Type 204A Manhole	14	VF	\$500	\$7,000
Sub-Total				\$1,580,913

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TRAFFIC SIGNALS AND STRIPING COSTS				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Cost
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Stewart	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/6th	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Virginia	LS	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/7th	LS	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Lenora	LS	1	\$60,000	\$60,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Blanchard	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Denny	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Mercer	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Republican	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Westlake/Valley	LS	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
Traffic Signal - Terry/Valley Modif.	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Terry/Mercer	LS	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
Boren Que Splitter	LS	1	\$70,000	\$70,000
Traffic Signal - Valley/Fairview	LS	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
Traffic Signal - Fairview/Aloha	LS	1	\$150,000	\$150,000
Pedestrian Signal - Fairview/Ward	LS	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Terminus Que Splitter	LS	1	\$25,000	\$25,000
Signing/Striping	LS	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sub-Total				\$1,440,000

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TRACTION POWER SUBSTATIONS AND OCS COSTS				
Traction Power Substations				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Cost
Underground Substation Vault	EA	2	\$66,000	\$132,000
Underground Substation Supplied and Installed	EA	2	\$350,000	\$700,000
Maintenance Facility Substation Foundation	EA	1	\$20,000	\$20,000
Maintenance Facility Unitized Substation Supplied and Installed	EA	1	\$450,000	\$450,000
Substation Ground Mat	EA	3	\$10,000	\$30,000
Traction Power Ductbank, Raceways, Fittings	LF	600	\$80	\$48,000
Utility Manholes	EA	2	\$25,000	\$50,000
Traction Power Manholes, Fittings	EA	3	\$7,500	\$22,500
Traction Power Feeder Cable	LF	2,400	\$15	\$36,000
Substation Spare Parts	LS	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
Documentation, Manuals, Training	LS	1	\$50,000	\$50,000
Sub-Total				\$1,638,500
Overhead Catenary System				
Item Description	Unit	Qty	Unit Price	Cost
OCS - Single Track (Foundation, pole, cantilever, wire, hardware)	LF	10,100	\$217	\$2,191,700
OCS - Double Track (Foundation, center pole, cantilever, wire, hardware)	LF	1,700	\$250	\$425,000
OCS Spare Parts	LS	1	\$100,000	\$100,000
Sub-Total				\$2,716,700

SOUTH LAKE UNION STREETCAR				
PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING COST ESTIMATE				
STREETCAR VEHICLES COST				
Item Description	Unit	Unit Price	Qty	Cost
Vehicle Base Cost	EA	\$2,565,473	3	\$7,696,419
Trolley Pole Mods	EA	\$125,000	0	\$0
Spare Parts/Tools	LS	\$640,000	1	\$640,000
Operator Training	LS	\$100,000	1	\$100,000
WA Sales Tax	%	8.80%	\$8,436,419	\$742,405
Sub-Total				\$9,178,824